

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 12 and 15-16 are pending.

Sole independent claim 1 recites that the component to be moved by the user, for example, the focusing lens 216 in Fig. 12, is engaged with an element 236. The element 236 is compressed during movement of the component to one of the positions and restores the component to the other of the positions upon release of the actuator by the user.

The element 236, its compressibility and its restoring function are not shown in, or suggested by, the prior art.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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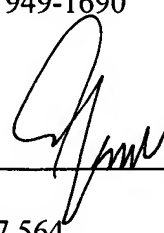
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